THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) Under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, powers of search, seizure, arrest and conducting of investigations have been vested with a number of Central and Stale enforcement agencies. While a system of quick reporting on search, seizure, arrest, etc. in the prescribed formats has been devised, reports from some agencies have not been received. As per data available with the Narcotics Control Bureau, out of 11,088 persons prosecuted under the aforesaid Act, (since its enactment), cases have been decided in respect of 1,840 persons, of whom 962 persons have been convicted. The percentage of convicttion works out to 52 per cent (appx.). As all cases where judgements had been pronounced might not have been reported to the fiur-r eau, the percentage of conviction, out of the total number of cases decided could still be higher. Nevertheless, the court proceedings tend to be protecting and a number of cases pending in the courts are also high. In order to expedite the disposal of pending cases, the State Governments have been advised to set up special courts depending upon the workload.

No shortcomings in the Act, or for the matter, in *the* investigations, nor deficiencies in the law enforcing machinery under the abore Act have been noticed. However, a draft legislation to amend the Act in certain areas to make it more effective is at an advanced stage of finalization.

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**3524. श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार राज्यों को विशेष हरिजन पुलिस स्टेशनों के लिए अतिरिक्त स्टाफ देने और विभिन्न राज्यों में उन्हें अधिक संसाधन देकर अधिक प्रभावशाली बनाने के लिये कोई विशेष वित्तीय सहायता उपलब्ध करायेगी ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन राज्यों के नाम क्या हैं जहां इस उद्देश्य के लिये वित्तीय सहायता दी गई है अथवा दी जाने वाली है और प्रत्येक मामले में सहायता की राशि कितनी है ; और

(ग) केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा अन्य क्या क्या कदम उठाये जा रहें है ? ताकि हरिजन पुलिस स्टेशन अपनी भूमिका अधिक प्रभाव शाली ढंग से निभा सकें ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्) :

(क) से (ग) "लोक व्यवस्था" और "पुलिस" के विषय संविधान की सातवीं अनुसूची की राज्य सूची में शामिल हैं । इसलिय अपने पुलिस स्टेशनों के लिये स्टाफ की व्यवस्था करना और विशेष हरिजन पुलिस स्टेशन खोलना राज्य सरकारों का कार्य है । फिर भी, केन्द्रीय सरकार 8वें वित्त आयोग के निर्णय के अधीन नये पुलिस स्टेशन खोलने के लिये राज्य सरकारों को सहायता देती है ।

**Date on the arrests of Children**

3525. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BAN-SAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFA^ IRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau of Police Research and Development have recently compiled some data about the arrests uf children in the country;

(b) if so, what are the salient featul** of the Bureau, report; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to check the exploitation of children in custody and to provide belter conditions in Children's Homes, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 'Prison' being a Stale subject it is primarily for the State Governments to take measures to check the exploitation of children in custody and provide better conditions for their well-being However.